



# *APD NEWS*

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE UPDATE**

**Cases:** 08-5056019, 08-5055640, 08-5045980

**Dates:** Saturday nights

**Time:** Late night/Early Morning hours

**Location:** Sixth Street bars

The Austin Police Department has received three reports in which males were targeted in the 6<sup>th</sup> Street area by a group of female suspects for the purposes of stealing their credit or debit cards for illegal purposes.

According to the victims in these cases, the suspects are possibly drugging the victims in order to obtain control of them during the episodes. The male victims have reportedly disappeared from 6<sup>th</sup> Street after being only momentarily separated from their friends. The victims awake in the morning with little to no memory of the previous night except being taken from the 6<sup>th</sup> street area in a van or utility vehicle with three or four females. The victims also would find their wallets in disarray and high-dollar unauthorized transactions made to their credit and/or debit cards.

#### **Update:**

**Since this story was released in December, additional victims have come forward and have been identified. Detectives were able to obtain close up ATM photos of two suspects as well as a picture of the suspect vehicle.**



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Video footage of the fraudulent transactions revealed four unidentified females:

**Suspects are described as:**

Suspect #1: B/F 20-30 YOA...straight, medium-length black hair, medium build

Suspect #2: B/F 20-30 YOA...straight, short black hair, heavy set

Suspect #3: B/F 20-30 YOA...straight, medium-length black hair, medium build

Suspect #4: B/F 20-30 YOA...straight, medium-length black hair, heavy set

Suspect Vehicle: White Van or Suburban, tinted windows, dark coloring on bottom

**Media Advisory:** A Financial Crimes Detective will be available today for an interview at APD Headquarters at 1 p.m. Please call APD PIO at 974-5017 if you plan to attend.

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